President.—That is, from the point of view of legislation.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I shall make the point clearer. The Ruler of an Indian State is the fountain and source of all authority—executive, judicial and administrative. The Diwan is the Chief Officer of the State. He is the executive efficer. He is the mouthpiece of the Government in matters of correspondence with the Paramount Power and with the officers outside Cochin. He is the mouthpiece of His Highness, and certain powers are delegated to him. He exercises those powers under the control of His Highness. It is with this understanding that Sir T. Vijayaraghavachar i issued such Proceedings as "Proceedings of the Government of Cochin". When an order or proceedings is issued by the Government of Cochin, it is presumed that the Diwan has taken orders from His Highness.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is not a correct statement. Orders passed and issued by the Government of Cochin and purported to be Government orders were upset on the express ground that His Highness' sanction had not been obtained.

President.—I know one thing, that in Indian States the head is His Highness.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—His Highness is the Government.

President.—In the bigger States like Mysore and Hyderabad, where they have Executive Councils, certain powers are given to the Council also. So that it will be wrong to say that the Heads of Departments constitute the Government. Can you make the position clearer, Mr. Achyuta Menon?

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—His Highness is the Sovereign of the State. The Government derives power from the Sovereign, and the Government is distinct from the Sovereign. For instance, in England the Cabinet Ministers constitute the Government, and they derive power from the Sovereign.

President.—It is not possible to define the word "Government" in a more satisfactory manner.

The sanitation of Kunnamkulam.

475. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:—

1. the scheme for the better sanitation of the town (Kunnamkulam) referred to in answer to question No. 151 (c) of the last budget session, and

2. the scheme formed in 1099 by the Road Improvement Committee and approved by the Government (vide answer to supplementary question); and

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3. to state whether the scheme approved by the Government has been fully carried out, and if not, what is it that still remains to be done, and whether they will also be soon carried out?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—1. The scheme showing the statement of improvements for the better sanitation of the town is appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*) All the works suggested therein were fully carried out.

2. and 3. Vide answer to question No. 154 of the budget session of 1101.

The Mulattura Irrigation System.

476. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) how many acres of land were reclaimed after settlement under the Mulattura Irrigation System;

(2) were they given water this year till now;

(3) what will be the approximate acreage of failure of crops owing to the inability of the Irrigation Department to give water under the Kunnamkattupati Irrigation System;

(4) what they propose to do to combat with such draughts in future?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) 530·70 acres.

(2) Water has been given to these lands till now.

(3) There has been no complete failure of crops to any appreciable extent. But crops in about 300 acres of *niloms* are reported to have been seriously affected. Fieldwar lists of crops affected are not maintained.

(4) Droughts cannot be absolutely prevented, if rains fail and there is no water in the river.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Why was water given to the new reclamations? The Government was not bound to give them water.

President.—To which clause do you refer?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I ask why was water given to the new conversions, when there was not even water for the settled lands for which the Government was bound to give water.

President.—"Water has been given to these lands till now". Is there anything in that answer further to be elucidated?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Yes, Sir. Water should not have been given to this land.

President.—The Government say that water has been given to this land.

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